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UNITED STATES.

REPORTS TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS IN TEXAS.

Surg. Guiteras at Galveston reports 9 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis with 4 deaths at Galveston from March 1 to 4, inclusive.

The health officer at Dallas, Tex., reported cerebrospinal meningitis present in Dallas as follows: 1911.—Month of October, 1 case; month of November, 9 cases with 6 deaths; month of December, 73 cases with 32 deaths. 1912.—Month of January, 221 cases with 85 deaths; month of February, 106 cases with 50 deaths.

At Fort Worth the health officer reports the occurrence of 75 cases with 32 deaths during the month of February, 1912.

At San Antonio the health officer reports 12 cases with 4 deaths for the month of February, 1912.

TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC AT ROCKFORD, ILL.

The health officer reports typhoid fever present in epidemic form at Rockford, Ill., with 119 cases reported during the week ended February 17, and 170 cases during the week ended February 24.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 180 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended February 24, 1912.

During the same period 3,220 acres of land in San Joaquin County and 3,400 acres in Stanislaus County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.